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HOSPITALS CRIPPLED BY CYBER ATTACK!

Report by **Ollie Cowan**

A CYBER security chief from Lancashire has said more could have been done to stop the crippling cyber attack which has left Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust in chaos over the weekend and into this week.

GP services across West Lancashire are also struggling to recover and patients are being asked to consider all their options.

Services at the trust are only now getting back to normal, with the Southport and Ormskirk NHS centre one of the last to recover following the devastating nationwide computer attack on the NHS.

The entire system was brought to a standstill on Friday (May 12) and Southport Hospital, along with a number of doctors surgeries across West Lancashire, were forced to turn non-emergency patients away.

Ormskirk's neonatal and antenatal clinics however continued to run as well as possible despite the issues.

Ambulances were 'queuing out the door' at Southport Accident and Emergency as doctors and nurses rushed to cope with the crisis, which blocked them from accessing patient files.

As a result nearly all outpatient procedures, non-emergency operations and clinical tests had to be postponed, causing a huge backlog from which the hospital is only just recovering from five days later.

. . .but expert says more could have been done to prevent it

A nationwide hack on the NHS servers had brought chaos and confusion to the trust - leaving many ambulances backed up at A&E, doctors unable to carry out certain procedures such as x-rays and scans, and fears that private patient data had been stolen.

The NHS was held to ransom by unknown hackers who claimed to have vital private patient data, refusing to give it back until bosses handed over an estimated £500,000.

However, the fault lies with a well-known security flaw in the computer system used by hospitals, including Southport and Ormskirk NHS Trust.

Their computer systems had been left unsecured and outdated since 2014 but no provisions or backups had been put in place to stop computer hackers taking advantage of vulnerabilities.

Lancashire-based Holker IT cyber security director Ric Derbyshire told the Champion that the hack could have happened at any time.

He said: "The cyber attack on Friday was something called 'ransomware' which had been weaponised with high tech exploits.

Police outside Southport Hospital just after the cyber attack

"Such vulnerabilities were fixed by computer company Microsoft for any computers using software after Windows XP. However Southport and Ormskirk hospitals still use XP on their computers, meaning they were was vulnerable. All the hospitals should have had Windows XP removed from their systems, due to it being out of support.

"It isn't just restricted to NHS computers though, everyone using Windows machines, from personal use to big company networks, can and will be affected by this.

"This attack was delivered through a Word document which had a malicious code embedded in it,

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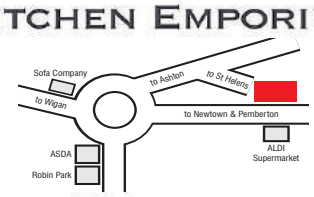

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Health services still struggling to cope days after hackers' strike

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so that's another important reason to be aware of attacks like these."

On Tuesday (May 16), Therese Patten, Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust's chief operating officer, said: "The trust took swift action to shut-down and protect our many clinical systems when the threat emerged on Friday. This included pharmacy, x-ray and imaging, clinical tests and digitally-held patient records.

"We began successfully restoring critical clinical systems on Monday evening and many more are coming back online today.

"The volume of planned services was reduced on Monday and Tuesday to ensure we continued to run a safe service.

"We plan to begin returning services to normal from Wednesday. More up-to-date information is available on our website, www.southportandormskirk.nhs.uk.

"Both our hospitals continue to be open for emergency care. Please only use A&E if your need is urgent so we can focus resources on the sickest patients.

"I want to reassure patients and the public that all patient information is safe and will be available to us as systems are brought back online.

"I also want to thank our staff for maintaining a safe service for patients over a challenging past few days and, in particular, our IT colleagues for working night and day to get systems back online with the support of colleagues from across the region.

"We are also supporting the criminal investigation into the attack on the NHS and have supplied affected computer equipment to the police."

A spokesperson for NHS West Lancashire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), said: "We have been working all weekend to try to combat the impact of this global cyber attack, however, the impact is very significant and it is therefore unfortunately very likely that GP practice services will be affected during the week ahead.

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The warning message on hospital computers

"We would appreciate patients' help and patience this week while we try to restore a normal service.

"We would also strongly encourage patients to consider other health service options that are available locally.

"GP practices in West Lancashire are dealing with urgent appointments as a priority as these patients may require more immediate care and support.

"As practices will be running a limited service some of the more routine patient appointment reviews may have to be rebooked for a later date.

"There is also likely to be delays faced where patients have ordered their repeat prescriptions online.

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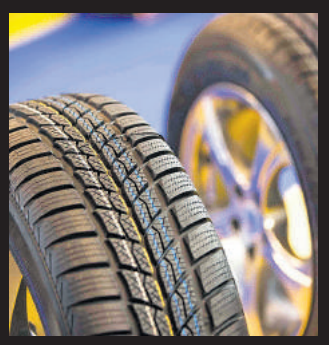

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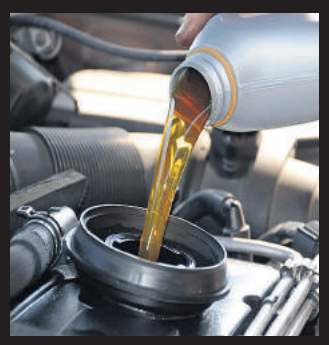

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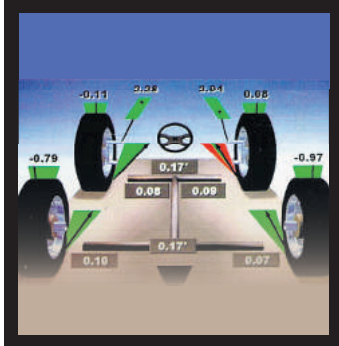

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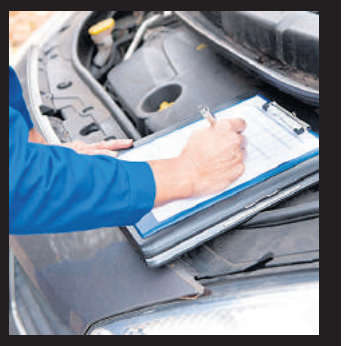

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Jacob (holding a teddy bear) and his brother Harris-James talk to Prince William at the Party at the Palace

Royal treat for sons of soldier killed in road tragedy

by Danielle Thompson

THE family of a solider killed in a tragic motorway accident while trying to save a woman's life were thrilled to meet members of the royal family at a party for relatives of military personnel who have died.

Lance Corporal Sam Greenfield was killed in March 2012 when he tried to save a female passenger who had been injured in a collision and he was hit by another vehicle.

Sam's wife, Charlene and sons, Sean, 12, Harris-James, seven and Jacob, six, lived in Suffolk at the time but moved to Lathom for a fresh start a year ago to be nearer to family.

The boys also became members of Scotty's Little Soldiers, a military charity dedicated to supporting children who have lost a parent who was a serving member of the armed forces.

And staff at the charity invited the family to attend Party at the Palace, a special garden party hosted by the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge and Prince Harry at Buckingham Palace on Saturday (May 13).

At the event, the royals mingled with more than 900 guests who enjoyed activities including gymnastics and break-dancing workshops, face-painting, cupcake decorating, magicians and live perfomances by pop star Jess Glynne.

Charlene said: "The accident happened just before Jacob's first birthday and we regularly had to drive past the road where the accident happened. Also the schools that the children attended weren't as supportive as I would have wanted so we moved to Lathom for a fresh start.

"The schools up here have been fantastic and Scotty's Little Soldiers have also been amazing. They have holiday homes all over where you can stay for free and they send the children cards and presents on their birthdays, at Christmas and on the date that their parent died.

"We were so pleased after the charity passed on the invites for us to go to the Party at the Palace, it was absolutely brilliant and the kids loved it.

"It was the royals' idea, which is lovely for them to do this for the children, and they really did spend the whole time mingling with youngsters and families."

The brothers outside Buckingham Palace ahead of the party

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Award for care hub organiser

THE organiser of a care forum which aims to combat loneliness in older residents has been presented with a special award by the Mayor of West Lancs.

Councillor Liz Savage presented Gaye Clark, head of the Athena Health Care Group, with the award at the council's offices in Derby Street, Ormskirk to recognise her work in setting up the Community Activities Hub.

Launched in April, the hub aims to bring together care providers to share inspirational ideas once a month.

Athena's events co-ordinator, Lesley Malone, said: "The award was in recognition of her community involvement and contribution in combating loneliness in West Lancashire.

"Staff and residents from Athena's care homes Abbey Wood Lodge in Ormskirk and Parklands Lodge in Southport also joined her for the presentation."

Councillor Savage presents Gaye Clarke with her award

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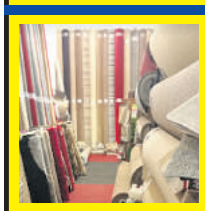

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Daring Diane takes the plunge to say 'thanks' to cancer centre

62-year-old abseils head first down sheer rock face in aid of anniversary appeal

by **Danielle Thompson**

A BRAVE breast cancer battler really took the plunge to raise money for a worthy cause that's close to her heart.

Diane Ingrey from Lathom decided to support the Rosemere Cancer Foundation's 20-year anniversary appeal as a thank-you for the treatment she received at the specialist centre near Preston, by doing a sponsored abseil 90ft down a sheer rock face at Denham Quarry, Chorley.

And as well as abesiling in the normal way, the daring 62-year-old also descended the drop forwards in a diving position!

She also 'roped in' 50 family, friends and work colleagues to join her for the challenge which is set to raise more than £5,000 for the appeal.

Daring Diane, manager at Skelmersdale Jobcentre, was joined by son Roger, 28 and fellow Jobcentre staff from Ormskirk, Skelmersdale, Leyland, Chorley, and Blackburn, as well as stylists from Trimmers hair salon in Skelmersdale, friends from line dancing clubs and members of Southport Fell Walking club.

She said: "I have never smoked and I've always kept myself fit but following a routine mammogram in October 2014, I was diagnosed with breast cancer.

Diane fearlessly abseils in the forward position

"It came as a total shock. I was devastated. I am a strong character but I didn't know if I was going to live or die and needed support like never before. I found that support at Rosemere Cancer Centre.

"Nothing is ever the same again after a diagnosis of cancer but the staff at the centre, together with the physiotherapists in Chorley, helped give me my life back.

"To show my thanks, I decided to support the 20 Years Anniversary Appeal in a way that was a challenge. I had never abseiled before and it was very scary, especially going forwards.

"When I told people at work what I planned to do, many came forward to join me, including some with a genuine fear of heights. All of us have either had cancer or are close to someone touched by the disease."

The Rosemere Cancer Foundation's 20 Years Anniversary Appeal has a £1.5 million target to equip the centre with the world's most advanced robotic surgical system, a state-of-the-art research facility and the modernisation of its in-patient ward.

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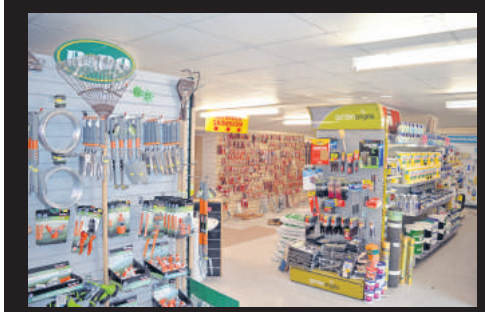

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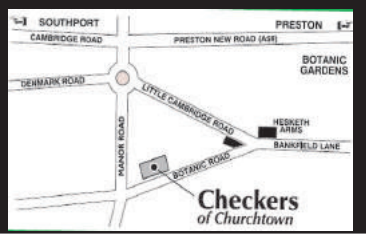

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Court told culprit was revealed after victim's brother set up hidden camera

A CARER from Ormskirk was caught stealing money from a man with severe learning difficulties after his family set up a hidden camera to catch her.

Sefton Magistrates Court were told that Janine Wright, 42, of Jubilee Avenue, Ormskirk, had been employed to look after the man who lives with his brother.

Prosecutor Angela Blackmore said that the brother had become aware of money going missing from his room, and it was suspected that one of the carers visiting their home was responsible.

Mrs Blackmore said that the brother set up a camera in a concealed position to find out who it was. Nothing happened for a week, she said. However, on March 21, Wright was observed entering the room.

"The video showed her coming into the room and rummaging through the bedroom. She is clearly seen to select a £5 note and a number of coins and then continue to rummage as if searching for more," the prosecutor said.

Vulnerable

The court was told that the brother was more concerned that she had left her duties than he was about the loss of any money.

Mrs Blackmore read from his statement, "She comes to care for my brother who has severe learning difficulties and epilepsy. I am so shocked that she has left my brother alone so that she could do this. I am not concerned about the money.

"I am concerned that she could leave a vulnerable adult on his own when he requires constant supervision."

When subsequently interviewed, the carer told police that when confronted about the theft she paid the money back. Mrs Blackmore said she was remorseful, sorry, and visibly upset, telling the officers she had been sacked.

She pleaded guilty to theft of £21.50 from a dwelling and attended court without legal representation.

Probation worker Jackie Dawber said that Wright was embarrassed and ashamed of her offending behaviour and the effects on the gentleman whom she cared for. "She understands that he is going to have difficulties trusting other carers coming into his home," she said.

Ms Dawber said the only explanation that Wright could offer as to why she did it was that it was near the anniversary of her father's death, that in the same month she'd had a breast cancer scare, and her son was joining the RAF. "She had been to see her GP for depression," the probation worker said.

The magistrates said they acknowledged her remorse and sentenced her to 160 hours of unpaid work and ordered that she pay £170 in costs and victim surcharge.

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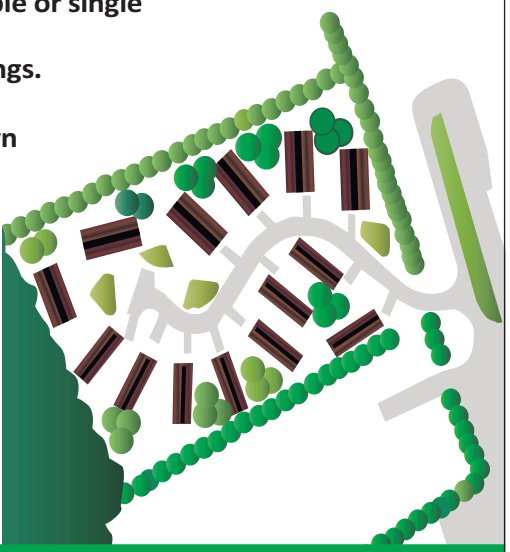

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Plans for 66-home development on brownfield site

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

PLANS have been submitted to create a new 66-home development between Burscough and Lathom.

Applicants, Taylor Wimpey UK Limited, have applied to West Lancs Borough Council for planning permission to demolish existing buildings at 5 Briars Lane and build new residential dwellings with associated car parking, landscaping and vehicular and pedestrian access.

The design and access statement provided by the applicants states that the land is a brownfield site and the development will comprise a mix of two-storey and three-storey, two, three and four-bedroom homes.

On land immediately to the north of the site is a development of 31 dwellings recently built by Taylor Wimpey and known as Delph Green; an extension of the larger residential estate to the north, known as the Heathfields estate.

How part of the Briars Lane site looks now

'Disrepair'

The statement lists a number of what are described as 'key opportunities' for building on the site. These include demolishing unattractive and unused industrial buildings; improving pedestrian access along Briars Lane; 'providing economic benefits to the borough'; and an increase in the amount of green landscaping on the site in the form of gardens and proposed new planting'.

The document states: "The site comprises a series of vacant industrial/warehouse buildings of various sizes, concrete hard-standing and a number of existing boundary trees. The industrial buildings on the site have a floor space totalling 5,329 sq. m.

"The majority of the units were constructed between the 1950s and 1970s and are in varying states of disrepair. The site is bounded on three sides by residential developments and is within a predominantly residential area.

"The entire eastern boundary of the application site runs adjacent to the Leeds-Liverpool Canal. On the other side of the canal are permanent canal moorings, residential dwellings, paddock land and Wheat Lane.

"The application site is located within the existing urban area and the majority of Burscough is located within a two-kilometre pedestrian catchment of the site.

"Burscough Town Centre is located approximately 1,500 metres from the site and can be accessed either via Briars Lane and Junction Lane, or via Briars Lane, Wheat Lane and along the canal towpath."

Local residents have until Friday, June 2 to give their views on the proposals with the council.

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Crowds flock to town's Medieval Festival

HUNDREDS of visitors took the opportunity to take a step back in time to get a taste of what life was like in West Lancashire 900 years ago at the popular Ormskirk Medieval Weekend at Coronation Park.

The free, two-day extravaganza on Saturday and Sunday (May 13 and 14), organised by West Lancs Council's Parks and Countryside Service, featured 12th century re-enactment group Historia Normannis taking families on a journey through time.

Over the weekend the park came alive with fabulous medieval-themed activities, entertainment and displays for people of all ages to enjoy between 11am and 4pm on both days.

Champion reader Christopher Forshaw said: "Coronation Park was literally filled with people.

"It was the biggest turnout I've seen in recent years - even the town centre was packed with people dressed up in medieval costumes!"

Above and left: The 'battles' staged by re-enactment group Historia Normannis were just some of the attractions at the two-day Medieval Festival staged in Coronation Park at the weekend.

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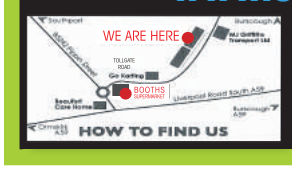

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Public welcome to CCG meeting

THE NHS West Lancashire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) are to hold their next board meeting at the Hilldale unit on the Ormskirk Hospital site in Wigan Road, on Tuesday, May 23, starting at 10am.

The meeting is scheduled to run for two hours and members of the public are welcome to attend to observe.

Questions relating to items on the agenda can also be raised by visiting the governing body page of the CCG's website at www.westlancashireccg.nhs.uk, or by contacting the secretary to the board directly on 01695 588 144 by noon on Monday, May 22.

The agenda will be published on the website one week before the meeting.

Following the conclusion of the meeting, there will also be the opportunity for members of the public and other attendees to have an informal discussion with board members.

Printed copies of the papers are available on request for those without Internet access.

Ringtail talk and collections raise £900 for aviation charity

A NATONAL aviation charity has received a boost - thanks to the efforts of an expert on Burscough's own historic links to aviation.

Local historian Lawrence Critchley presented a cheque for £910 to Jock Alexander, chief executive of Fly Navy Historic Flight, a civilian-staffed charity which maintains and flies a small number of aircraft that are important to British Naval aviation.

The donation was the proceeds of Lawrence's talk, 'Ringtail to Retail', plus collections taken at Booths supermarket on the Ringtail Retail park.

The talk, at Booths cafe, traced the history of the former Royal Naval Air Station, HMS Ringtail, which formerly occupied the supermarket site and featured a display of relevant artefacts and photographs.

Lawrence handed over the cheque in front of a Hawker Sea Fury FB.11 VR930 at the Royal Naval Air Station in Yeovilton, Somerset.

Lawrence Critchley (right) presents the cheque to Jock Alexander of the Fly Navy Historic Flight. Photo by Michael Dawson.

He said: "The ongoing funds help keep the iconic aircraft of the Royal Navy Historic Flight airworthy, they are the living memorial to all those who have served in the Royal Naval Air Service and Fleet Air Arm since its formation."

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Talented twosome scoop leading honours at regional drama awards

Report by **Henry James**

A PAIR of drama students at West Lancashire College have scooped top prizes at a regional awards ceremony.

The talented twosome - Niamh Donnelly, a former pupil at Our Lady Queen of Peace College, Skelmersdale, and former Ormskirk School pupil, Alexander Tighe - were honoured at the National Operatic and Dramatic Association North West Awards 2017 in Manchester.

The Performing Art BTEC Level 3 students won the overall awards for best leading female and leading male actor in a drama respectively for their outstanding performances in the college's production of William Shakespeare's *Much Ado about Nothing*.

Prestigious

Their success followed the college's earlier achievements at the District 6 Awards when four nominations went forward to the regionals despite tough competition from other colleges and drama societies.

Course tutor, Deb Fletcher, said: "These students have already achieved so much and I am thrilled they have been acknowledged with this prestigious award.

"The evening was wonderful and the college are super proud of their students' success at the awards and the recognition they have received.

Alexander Tighe and Niamh Donnelly with their awards

"I look forward to watching their progress as they showcase their talent at university and beyond."

The college's next production is *Spamalot*, which will be showing at The Hope Theatre, West Lancashire College on June 21, 22 and 23 at 7pm. To book call, 01695 52317 or email commercial@westlancs.ac.uk.

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Ramble fundraising total could hit £20,000

ORGANISERS are hopeful that this year's Rainbow Ramble will raise up to £20,000 in aid of Mawdesley-based Rainbow House, which offers education and rehabilitation services to children and young people with neurological conditions.

To take part in the annual event participants can choose to run or walk a five, 11 or 18-mile route through Croston, Mawdesley and Eccleston.

Starting and finishing at Bishop Rawstorne High School in Croston, hundreds of fundraisers take part each year in the event which is a great way for runners to have fun, keep fit and raise much-needed funds for a good cause.

Although donations are still being counted, it's hoped this year's amount raised will reach £20,000.

Paul Aspinall from Scarisbrick was the first across the line in the 11-mile run, finishing in one hour 35 minutes.

Three girls from Southport - Lindsey Black, Debra Ellis and Emma Cooper -jointly led the way in the five-mile route.

And Stefan Zak from Bretherton repeated his last year's victory in the 18-mile route, finishing in just over two hours.

Hussain and Abubakr Master from Preston were the first parent and child across the line.

Carole Cochrane, chief executive at Rainbow House, said: "In spite of grey skies, cheers went up as Jonathan Knowles, who has cerebral palsy and has been attending conductive education for over 10 years, cut the starting ribbon for the 300-plus runners, walkers, families with pushchairs and pets to head out.

"The Rainbow Ramble is one of the highlights of the year and we can't thank everyone enough for their support."

Paul Aspinall and (inset) participants at the start of the annual Rainbow Ramble

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In the run up to Dementia Awareness Week (15-21 May), Specsavers employees nationwide are becoming Dementia Friends, an initiative run by the Alzheimer's Society. Every store now has at least one team member who is a Dementia Friend and understands the needs of customers with dementia a little more. The Specsavers Healthcall teams that carry out home visits are also becoming Dementia Friends.

Specsavers is also using Dementia Awareness Week to remind anyone over 55 to undergo regular hearing tests, as research suggests that people with untreated hearing loss are more likely to develop Alzheimer's. Hearing tests are free at Specsavers.

Dr Nigel Best, Specsavers clinical spokesperson, says: 'People with dementia may not be able to recognise or articulate the issues that many of us face when we begin to lose our sight or hearing – but the effects are the same. Being more aware of dementia is an incredibly positive development for our teams and our offering to customers.'

Those with dementia commonly experience problems with their sight and visual perception, causing them to misinterpret the world around them. Some sufferers can experience hallucinations. On top of that, research has revealed that almost half of dementia patients in care homes are wearing glasses with the wrong prescription, leading to increased isolation.

Laura Stallerbrass, store manager at Specsavers Forfar, has encouraged all her team to do Dementia Friends.

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Volunteer partnership celebrates successful year

Report by **Henry James**

A NEW partnership formed between local authorities, the police, fire and rescue service and health organisations in Lancashire, is celebrating a successful first year.

The Lancashire Volunteer Partnership (LVP) - the first of its kind in the UK - was established with the aim of making volunteering for public services rewarding and providing more opportunities for people to make a real difference in their communities.

The partnership has a number of bases across the county which accept referrals from public services to support people in the community. This can range from giving a carer some respite, to visiting someone in the community who is feeling isolated and is struggling to get out and about independently.

In the past 12 months the LVP has helped nearly 400 vulnerable people across Lancashire.

To coincide with the partnership's first anniversary a champion volunteer recruitment campaign is being officially launched to encourage more people to volunteer.

LVP programme manager, Chief Inspector Ian Sewart, said: "From visiting people who may be feeling lonely and isolated, to volunteering alongside the neighbourhood policing teams as a Special Constable, at a children's centre or as a cadet group leader, our LVP volunteers are truly amazing."

The 'Feel Champion' campaign features seven volunteers and their stories.

One of the volunteers to feature in the campaign is this year's winner of the Lancashire Pride Award at Lancashire County Council, Becky Rich.

Becky has Down's syndrome and a heart defect. But after joining a dance group and seeing what a difference it was making to her confidence and her life, she decided to train as a leader and now runs her own inclusive dance class, inspiring other people with disabilities.

LVP programme office and projects manager at Lancashire County Council, Julie Sumner, said: "It never ceases to amaze me how much dedication our volunteers bring to their roles, on top of their already busy family and work commitments. We wanted the campaign to celebrate this."

The campaign, including posters, adverts, outdoor media, radio and digital activity, will run across the county later this year.

This year's winner of the Lancashire Pride Award at Lancashire County Council, Becky Rich

Scammers and rogue traders targeted

Report by **Henry James**

POLICE and trading standards officers in Lancashire are targeting dishonest traders and scammers as part of a UK-wide crackdown.

Activities being carried during Operation Rogue Trader include roadside checks on traders reminding them of consumer laws which give people rights to cancel contracts signed in their own homes, and visits to people identified as being potential victims of scam mail.

Visits were made to 65 people who had replied to scams, their letters having being retrieved by the National Trading Standards Scams Hub. Officers checked on people's welfare and warned them not to fall prey to mailing scams and prize draws.

Officers also made the rounds of Post Offices to remind staff to be aware of customers drawing out unusually large sums of money or transferring thousands of pounds abroad.

In the last year, Lancashire Trading Standards has received 174 calls about doorstep incidents and nearly 500 complaints about scams.

Paul Noone, head of Lancashire County Council's trading standards service, said: "Rogue traders prey on our most vulnerable residents, conning them out of vast sums of money, which in many cases is their life savings, for unnecessary and overpriced work. Research shows that this can have a serious and lasting effect on the victims' health and their confidence.

"Our advice is always to say no to cold-callers. If you need a job doing, get a number of quotes and agree a price and the work to be done in writing before going ahead.

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Chief Inspector David Mangan of Lancashire Police added: "This week of activity is aimed at disrupting criminals who masquerade as legitimate traders in order to target vulnerable residents.

"Rogue trading is a UK-wide problem and evidence suggests that rogue traders often travel vast distances to commit offences and a number of distraction burglars network with each other and associate with rogue traders. Therefore it's important to raise awareness on a local and national level of the dangers of rogue trading."

The last UK-wide Rogue Trader Operation in 2016 saw nearly 300 people arrested, almost £3m worth of property recovered and more than 5,000 vehicles inspected.

People can report cases of rogue traders or uninvited doorstep callers to Citizens Advice Consumer Service on 03454 040506.

Anyone with information that could lead to the arrest of any distraction burglar or rogue trader can ring their local police or call Crimestoppers, the national charity, anonymously on 0800 555 111.

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Award is grand news for charity

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Their work also includes shredding and the making of greetings cards.

The charity has been given the grant from the Community Foundation for Lancashire's Community Investment Fund to support their work offering training and work experience.

The fund aims to bring together businesses, organisations and individuals to address urgent social issues while making a financial commitment to collectively have a greater impact in the improvement of communities. They are especially keen to fund small grassroots groups with low incomes.

Timesavers' secretary and charity trustee, Edward McCarthy, said: "I am delighted with this funding award and would like to give thanks on behalf of everyone involved with the charity. We are currently seeking work placements in local organisations for our trainees. If you can offer a placement please ring or email us for details."

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Parishioners sign up to become Dementia Friends

A GROUP of parishioners at Christ Church in Aughton have signed up to become Dementia Friends after taking part in a workshop.

Reverend Sarah O'Donoghue and members of the congregation at the church in Long Lane, took part in the workshop organised by Dementia Friends Champion, Joe Sherville, as part of the Alzheimer's Society programme, to change perceptions of dementia.

Joe spoke about the physical, emotional and social implications of dementia and the fear of being stigmatised if you have the condition.

He also spoke about what memory loss means for those living with dementia in their day-to-day life; how their living environment needs to be adapted; and how money or appliances may be different to what they are expecting.

Joe said: "It's important to change people's perceptions and reduce the fear and stigma around the condition, it's about bringing people together and signing up to help make our community more dementia-friendly."

Reverend Sarah O'Donoghue and members of the congregation at Christ Church, Aughton who are now Dementia Friends

The new Hesketh Bank Methodist Church building will be officially opened next month

Service to mark opening of new church building

A SPECIAL service will be held to mark the official opening of a new church building in a West Lancashire village next month.

Work has been completed on the new Hesketh Bank Methodist Church in Chapel Road, which will be officially opened at 6.30pm on Sunday, June 4.

Pastoral secretary, Pete Cawthorn, said: "Almost eight years ago planning began to demolish the old church in Chapel Road, which was beyond repair, and build a new church.

"In the will of God this new church has now been built and is in use and will be officially opened on June 4.

"We welcome all to come and join or rejoin the church. We continually pray for a revival in our village and indeed in our land for people to come to know the Lord as a personal saviour.

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Axing of bus service is another example of Skelmersdale people being neglected and disrespected

IT was with utter disbelief and despair that I read that the bus service to Ashurst in Skelmersdale is to be axed this summer.

What on earth are the thousands of people living in this part of the town supposed to do?

How are we to get to work/school/hospital?

We are not some isolated rural community here, we live in the largest town in West Lancashire!

Arriva say the bus subsidy for this route has been removed by the council - why?

Are the people of Ashurst and Birch Green deemed in some way inferior and undeserving of this support?

Are we not paying enough council tax in this part of the town?

Why can they not reinstate the original route of the 310 Liverpool bus so that it goes back to serving the area?

'Ignored'

Surely that makes more sense than the 375, 385, and 310 all taking the same route through the town on the way to Ormskirk?

I have lived in Skelmersdale for 40 years, and it makes me so sad that the good people of this town are ignored, neglected, and downright disrespected by not only the local and regional councils, but also by the people that claim to represent us.

It seems that no opportunity to let us down is missed by the powers-that-be, and I am at a loss to know how we can move forward - I certainly do not feel that ANY of our political parties particularly cares what happens in the town.

Doreen Rigby,
Melbreck, Skelmersdale

Dreadful state of approaches to town give poor first impression

HOW sad it is to be arriving in Skelmersdale from Ormskirk and see the sorry state of the broken-up footpaths overgrown with weeds and the grass verges and traffic islands completely overgrown.

The Railway pub has been left abandoned and is becoming derelict with fallen down fences and weeds taking over the grounds.

The traffic islands used to be beautifully maintained with seasonal bedding added.

As a proud Skelmersdale resident who has just had their community tax raised and is now being charged £30 for green rubbish removal I do wonder why the public areas are in such a dreadful state.

What a poor first impression our town gives when arriving from Ormskirk.

Lisa, Skelmersdale resident

Readers' donations help to fund vital research

I WANT to thank your readers who have been supporting the British Heart Foundation (BHF) this spring by donating items to their local BHF shop.

Funded by the BHF, my research focuses on how differences in the genes we inherit from our parents can increase our risk of cardiovascular disease. This work could lead to the discovery of genes responsible for cardiovascular disease and develop new therapies.

My project is just one of over 1,000 research projects that the BHF currently funds at universities across the UK. Each of these are only made possible by the BHF's generous supporters.

There are currently 844,000 people living with cardiovascular disease across the north-west of England and I'm sure every reader will have been touched by heart disease in some way or another.

If you would like to support your local BHF shop they are always in need of items to fill their rails and shelves so please keep them in mind for your unwanted items.

Professor Bernard Keavney,
BHF funded researcher

PICTURE of the week

Feast for the day. Some tasty fare was gathered by the Historia Normannis re-enactors who set up their encampment in Ormskirk's Coronation Park for a weekend of Medieval-themed events. Picture by Martyn Snape.

Hospital care was par excellence!

HAVING seen in the past the occasional brickbat aimed at Southport Hospital, I'd like to present a bouquet to Ward 11A (PIU)).

I was admitted recently for a diagnostic investigation and 24 hours later had an emergency appendicectomy.

During my six-day stay I was so impressed with the level of care I received, it really was par excellence. From the consultants, nursing staff and care attendants, to the porters and cleaners, I was treated with respect and consideration.

The British NHS receives various amounts of criticism but I know from folks living abroad it's still one of the best. So I've renamed Ward 11A (PIU) to Ward 11A (TLC).

R. B., Aughton, details supplied

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IF you've got a view on a topic of local or national interest which you would like to share with the readers of the Champion, why not drop us a line?

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Letters can be posted or emailed to the respective addresses listed at the top of this page.

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Sonya Chowdhury,
chief executive, Action for M.E.

Appointment chaos shows health service privatisation at its worst

I HAD to go for my usual blood test as advised by my oncologist and went to the Hants Lane Clinic at the end of April 2017.

They offered me an appointment but it would have involved a two-week wait.

I was telephoned a week before the appointment and was informed that my appointment had to be cancelled because of a shortage of nurses.

I was then informed that the clinic now operates a three-day per week appointment system. When I tried to book an appointment, I was told there was nothing available in May.

I asked about a date in June but was advised the clinic could not book dates for June as their diary didn't stretch that far and because they couldn't guarantee dates because of the shortage of nurses.

Statistic

This is a classic example of privatisation at its worst by giving a clinical role to a travel company.

Virgin Care can clearly save the NHS money because nobody can get an appointment to be tended to.

Even the appointment staff are exasperated with the disorganisation of Virgin Care.

I am now forced to wait until closer to June to be able to book an appointment for a blood test.

In the meantime I hope I do not become another statistic for the failure of privatisation in the health service.

Please think carefully when you cast your vote on June 8. Do you want a functioning and efficient health service or a book of excuses?

Ormskirk pensioner,
details supplied

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Diabetics urged to seek advice on safe fasting during Ramadan

HEALTH professionals from Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust are calling on people with diabetes who will be fasting during Ramadan, to access support on how to fast safely.

Ramadan, the ninth month in the Islamic lunar calendar, is a period of prayer, fasting, charitable giving and self-accountability.

This year in the UK it begins at the end of this month when the daily fasting period can be 17 hours or more so the trust is encouraging people with diabetes who will be fasting to do so in a way that doesn't compromise their health.

Mumtaz Shaikh, a diabetes link worker with the trust, said: "Ramadan is a very spiritual time when many Muslims are eager to fast. However, since the length of fasts in the UK at present are very long, people with diabetes are at more of a risk of hypoglycaemia and dehydration.

"It is crucial they consult health professionals to ensure they're able to properly look after themselves during the month. We're at hand to provide all sorts of relevant guidance, including healthy eating food messages."

Fellow diabetes link worker, Sumiaya Patel, added: "When we don't eat during a fast, our bodies use energy stores to keep our blood glucose or sugar levels normal. For most people, this isn't harmful but if you've got diabetes the risk of low blood glucose levels increases.

"On the flip side, high blood glucose levels can also occur if you eat excessively during the two meal times before dusk and after sunset. So it's important that people with diabetes hoping to fast consult health professionals."

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So sad that time's finally run out for my speaking clock...

I'VE just lost a dear friend.

My late brother George picked her up at a car-boot sale in Burscough several years ago and her comforting Oriental voice has cheered me no end ever since.

She not only showed the time, date and current temperature, but with a little fiddling with her buttons (she had long since lost her instruction manual) she could also verbally communicate this information on the hour, every hour.

Unfortunately, a week or two before my recent holiday she fell ill. Her voice was just the same, but the rest of her was fading away. My first reaction was that all that was needed to return her to full health was a new set of batteries. And duly fitted, this did indeed seem to have effected a cure - for all of two days or so.

Undeterred, I assumed that the 'new' batteries must have been lying around for too long, so a new set of Duracels was bought and fitted and ... nothing!

Even as I tap this out, she is still sitting on the window ledge, giving out a now rather spurious time but still telling me the temperature.

I remember reading somewhere that these liquid crystal displays can wear (or should that be fade?) out after a long period of use, so I'm afraid that is what has happened to her. After all, I have no idea how old she really is, though a clue might be that she could only be set to record or say the time in a 12-hour am/pm sort of way.

I've tried every trick I know - shoving her in the fridge for a while, putting her in the heat of the window, banging her casing. All to no avail.

Her home for all the years she has been in my house has been on the bathroom windowsill, where her hourly announcements could very vaguely be heard in my bedroom. Her displays were interesting too, just to see the increase in room temperature as you took a bath really was an eye-opener.

Unhappily, unless someone can come up with a possible cure for her screen ills, I'm afraid her next destination is that great cyber-space in the sky; or possibly the Sefton Lane tip. That is the problem with so many modern electronic gizmos. Once they fail in any way, the only answer is to bin them and buy another.

Useful

A similar fate fell on another clock George brought home from Burscough. This was a fairly simple electronic alarm clock, whose most useful (and unusual, I think) feature was the fact that as the natural light faded, the digits on the clock started to glow a rather unearthly green. You really could see the time in the dark without stretching out to press buttons.

Not being electronically minded, I never did decide exactly how this worked. I mean, if the display was permanently lit, surely the batteries would be used up rather quickly? But they didn't seem to be. If it was somehow luminous, it was far better at that trick than any luminous watch I've ever encountered.

Unhappily though, it too eventually decided it was time to retire, and simply stopped working - a pity, it was a genuinely useful thing.

And if the days when you could get a TV set or washing machine repaired have not quite gone, their extinction is certainly not far off. Even my poor old boat, *Manxman*, suffers from this 'planned redundancy'. A few years ago you could obtain, for instance, a refurbishment kit for the engine's water pump. Not now. Now you have to buy a complete new unit.

Again, how many useless ballpoint pens inhabit your home? When the phone rings and someone wants to give me information about a story for the Champion, proceedings are usually held up while I fish around looking for a working pen.

Perhaps this only applies to folk of a certain age, as I grew up you bought refills for your biros. You probably still do for expensive pens. But even cheap ones usually come apart and look as though they can be brought back to life. Except that you never see refills for them.

I suppose my 'talking' clock will hang around a little longer in the hope of a minor miracle, but I'll truly miss her when she eventually goes into the bin.

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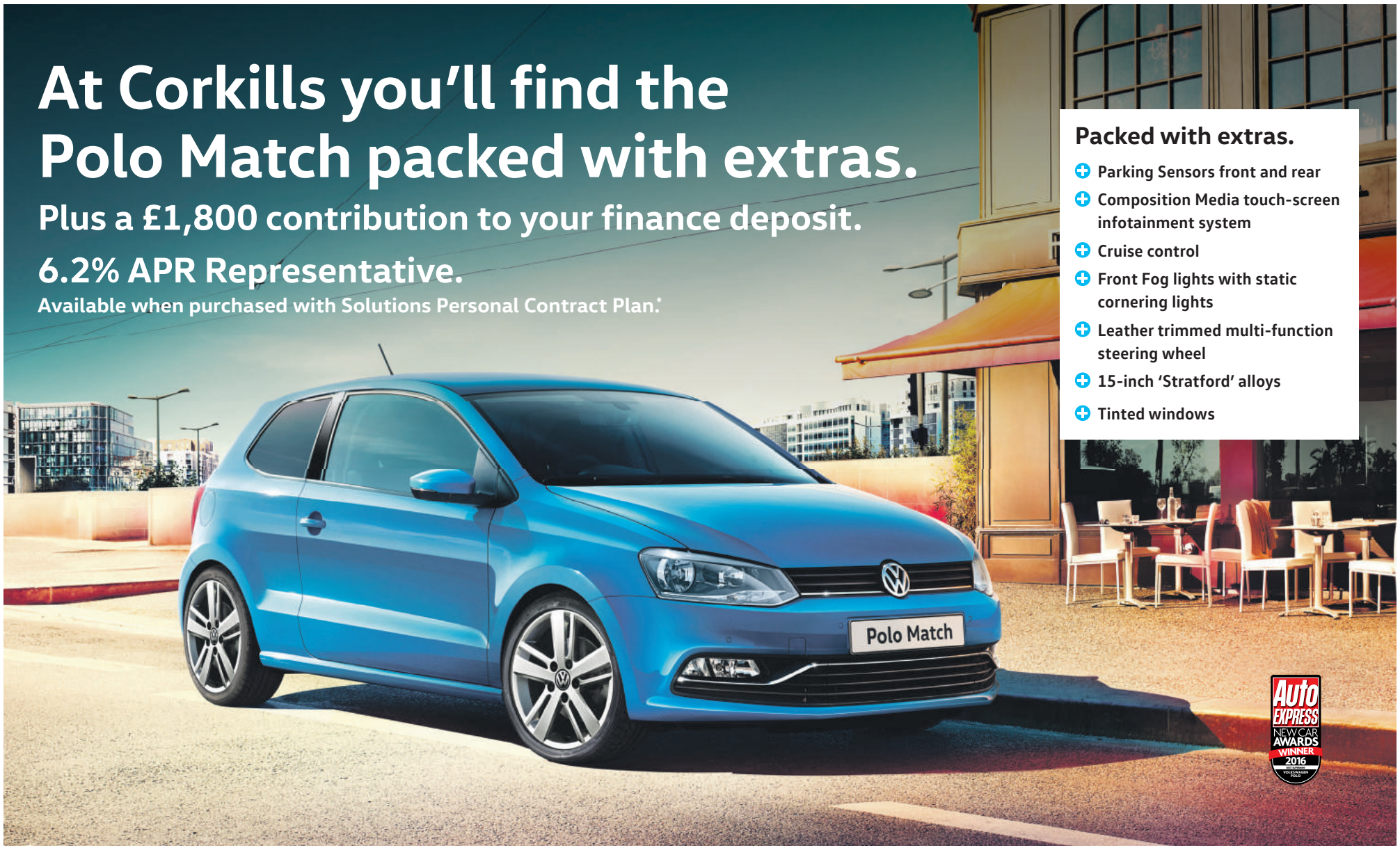

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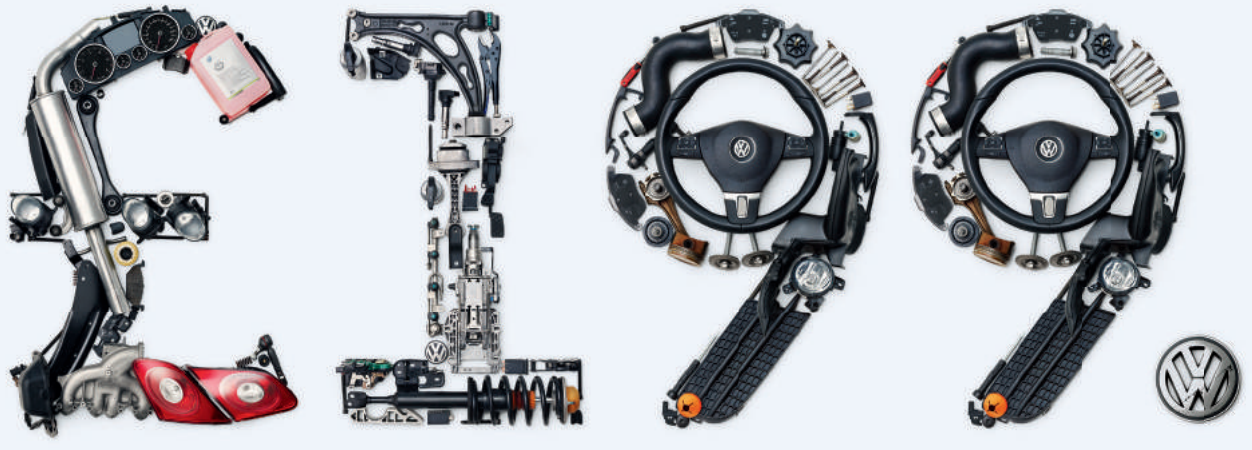

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Edge Hill academic to lead Columbia mosquito-borne diseases project

AN Edge Hill University academic is travelling to Colombia this month to work on the front line against mosquito-borne diseases.

Dr Clare Strode is leading, alongside Professor Omar Triana-Chavez of Universidad de Antioquia, on a British Council-funded project which will collect Aedes aegypti mosquitoes in seven cities across Colombia which are hotspots for the Zika and dengue viruses.

Dr Strode said: "The Zika pandemic is an ongoing global emergency, and the Aedes aegypti mosquitoes which spread the virus are becoming increasingly resistant to insecticides, which is of course a major public health concern."

The collections will include mosquito larvae from standing water and fully grown mosquitoes from people's homes.

As well as giving a talk at Universidad de Antioquia, Clare will be collecting mosquitoes in Cúcuta City, close to the Venezuelan border.

Back in the UK, she will run genetic testing on the mosquito samples to check for mutations that may be causing the resistance.

"By tracking resistance and reporting the genetic mutations that are causing it, we can gain more understanding of resistance and ultimately inform new disease control methods."

Dr Strode is a senior lecturer in biology. She gained her PhD at the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine and subsequently spent 10 years there as a post-doctoral researcher. She has been involved in numerous international collaborations monitoring insecticide resistance in mosquito populations worldwide.

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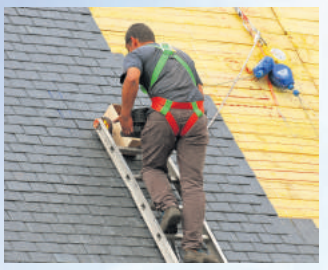
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NEW HEAD COACH JOINS AUGHTON LAWN TENNIS CLUB READY FOR QUASQUICENTENNIAL OPEN DAY

NEW COACH BEN 'ON THE BALL' WITH FIRST LADIES NIGHT COACHING SESSIONS

Aughton LTC are delighted to confirm the appointment of a new Head Coach. Ben Obong joins the Club in May 2017 at an historic time as they celebrate 125 years of tennis in Granville Park, Aughton, since being established in 1882 – a quasquicentennial!

The Club is holding their annual Open Day on Saturday 20th May 2017. Anyone interested in giving tennis a try is invited to come along to meet Ben and Club members and find out more. As very much a family Club for everyone, adults and children are welcome. This will be a great opportunity to enjoy tennis for free and to have a look around the superb facilities. The event runs from 10.30am and there will be free refreshments available throughout the day.

President Helena Culshaw says "Open Day visitors can enjoy a few games with one of our friendly members or with the new coach and test out our facilities. This is a tennis club for everyone and we welcome new members whether beginners, improvers or experienced players. We are fortunate in this special year to have Ben Obong as our new Head Coach and we look forward to working with him to develop our tennis programme for all of our players. Tennis is great for general health and fitness and 125 years after the club was started we're very much committed to continuing to develop our Club and facilities for the benefit of our community''.

Head Coach Ben brings with him a wealth of experience having previously been Head of Mini Tennis at the Northern Lawn Tennis Club, Manchester and prior to that Junior Tennis and Swimming Coordinator at David Lloyd Knowsley.

Ben has been coaching for over 23 years, to all ages and abilities. He is a Level 3 L.T.A Qualified Coach, about to obtain Level 4 and will be providing a wide range of adult and junior coaching activities at Aughton LTC, on both an individual and group basis. Summer tennis camps during the school holidays are also planned for juniors.

Situated in beautifully maintained grounds within several acres of the Granville Park Conservation Area the Club is widely regarded as one of Aughton's best kept secrets. The Club boasts eight excellent courts including five all-weather courts which can be floodlit for evening play and three of the finest grass courts in the region. In addition to social tennis, the Club regularly organise in-house tournaments and friendly matches against other clubs in the area. They also have six competitive league teams (men's, women's and mixed) who play in both Liverpool and Southport Leagues.

To find out more about the forthcoming Open Day or learn more about the Club, please visit our website:
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Tracey gets Team GB call up... but it's the wrong Tracy!

Champ runner mistaken for elite athlete in email mix-up

Report by **Ollie Cowan**

Above: Our Tracey Barlow, and, right the other Tracy Barlow!

AN amateur runner got the shock of her life when she found herself signed up for Team GB to run in the World Championships later this year!

Champion employee, Tracey Barlow, regularly takes part in marathons, fun runs and charity challenges – but she was baffled when an email landed in her inbox to say she had been selected to represent Great Britain at the International Athletics World Championships in London.

Sadly for Tracey, the email should have gone instead to elite athlete, *Tracy* Barlow.

And although tempted to accept the invitation of a lifetime, our Tracey went the extra mile and informed the British Athletics Association of their mistake.

She admitted: "It's a good job too - my last marathon time was three hours and 57 minutes but the 'Tracy' they actually wanted has clocked up a time of two hours and 30!"

The accounts clerk joked that she was flattered by the email and momentarily tempted to accept but instead alerted the BAA to their gaffe.

"I had been checking my emails and came across one from England Athletics. As soon as I read it I went into panic mode thinking I had just 16 weeks to train for a marathon and represent Team GB!

"Then I remembered that a few days earlier a woman with the same-sounding name as me, but Tracy without the 'e' had run the Virgin London Marathon and came third for Britain in the Elite Runners category.

"Obviously it would have been fun to accept but Tracy runs far faster times - although six years ago according to the statistics we used to run similar times so perhaps there's hope for me yet!

"I emailed England Athletics back to say that while I would love to run for Team GB, and my performance has come on in leaps and bounds, I don't think I have quite the performance they are looking for."

British Athletics confirmed that a spelling error had led to Tracey receiving the email.

Tracey, who runs for Southport & Waterloo AC, concluded: "I was tempted to ask for a guaranteed place in next year's London Marathon as compensation!"

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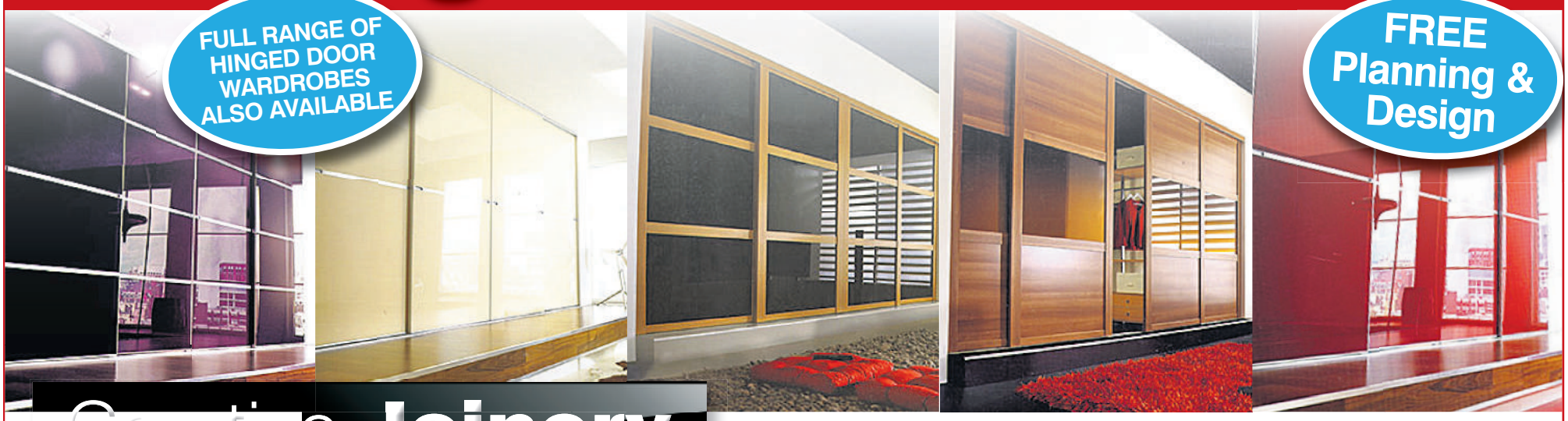

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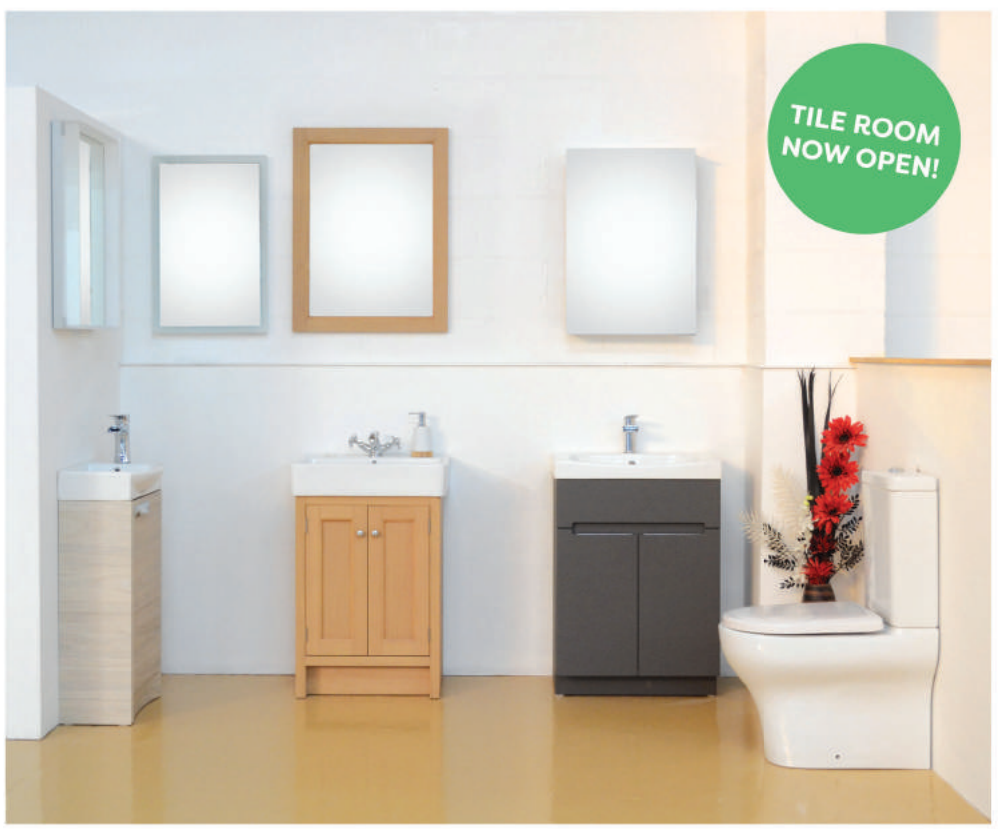

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Brownies' helping hand for charity

A GROUP of kind-hearted young Brownies have raised £530 for a children's charity in Mawdesley.

The 4th Parbold and Dalton Brownies have been learning about how people cope with challenging issues connected with disabilities and visited Rainbow House, which offers education and rehabilitation services to children and young people with neurological conditions.

Unit Guider, Sandy Smith, said: "They were able to meet the wonderful staff who work there helping people of all ages with a range of disabilities to improve the quality of their lives. Rainbow House's motto is rehabilitation, education and fun. The Brownies and their leaders were so moved by their visit that they decided to host a fundraising event to raise money for them.

"They held a coffee evening at their base, The-Hut-on-the-Hill in Parbold where they served refreshments, ran a raffle, tombola and sold their own toys and books plus clothes and handbags donated by supporters.

"The event was really well supported by families and friends of the Brownies, as well as their teachers and other friends and raised £530."

The Parbold Brownies with their cheque for Rainbow House

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Edge Hill research questions stereotype of 'lonely' online gamers

RESEARCH by staff at Edge Hill University has found that online gamers have high self-esteem, contrary to the popular belief that they are lonely and isolated.

Edge Hill research suggests that online gamers are not lonely and isolated

Dr Linda Kaye, psychology lecturer at the Ormskirk campus, questioned gamers who play massively multiplayer online games (MMOs) which allow hundreds or thousands of people to play simultaneously online.

But whereas previous research suggests links between online gaming and anxiety and depression, Linda and her colleagues found MMO gamers had strong feelings of identity related to their self-worth.

They also found that by identifying themselves as gamers they had higher levels of social competence (how well they interact with others) and lower levels of loneliness.

Linda said: "Gamer identity is often stigmatised which could operate as a threat to one's self esteem. But our research shows that gamer identity was upheld positively in respect of self-regard. The MMO gamers felt strong feelings of belonging and self-worth.

"Affiliation through this sense of identity and being part of a community may provide a buffer against experiences of loneliness and isolation.

"This disputes long-held stereotypic perceptions of online gamers as lonely, isolated, and socially inept and of lower status than other social groups.

"This can perhaps be explained by the social affordances provided by communication in online gaming spaces, e.g. visual anonymity and the fact the game provides a perpetual topic of conversation which might be important to people who have difficulty communicating and maintaining friendships in 'offline' contexts because they're shy or insecure.

"We found those engaging more in exploring their identity online communicated more often with more people, enhancing their social competence."

The research surveyed more than 700 gamers (67% male) with an average age of 29 years old. The majority were experienced players, and reported engaging in a range of MMO activities (contributing to discussion boards) and playing for five to 15 hours per week.

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Gardening in the Summer Months

May

May is a month when plants start to grow in earnest. It can be an odd month however, when temperatures sometimes soar into the eighties during the day and then plummet down below freezing at night.

The gardener's big problem therefore, is how to reconcile all this uncertainty with a timetable that should include the planting out of seedlings, and the sowing of yet more seed.

Always remember to plant only on good days. Don't plant or sow into chilled soil. Keep off the soil when it is waterlogged. Have a good supply of easily portable frames and windbreaks handy and be prepared to use bales of straw or bundles of newspaper to ward off frost and wind.

This is a good time to start tidying up early bulbs. Snip off the spent heads of those that don't need to be left to seed. Daffodils especially should be dead-headed, snowdrops and crocus on the other hand should be allowed to seed to enable them to spread naturally. Tie back the foliage on the taller growing bulbs but avoid removing any of it until it starts to turn yellow. A good dressing of a nitrogen rich fertiliser at this point will help the plants produce good strong bulbs next year. Tulips really ought to be left in place until the greenery fades right away, however it is quite possible to transplant them to some unseen part of the garden where they can be left to fade away slowly in their own time.

Early on in the month, get your fruit trees and soft fruit bushes sprayed to kill off any lingering, over-wintering insect and fungoid pests. Depending on what you are growing, be selective in what you use. Your local garden supplier will be able to advise you on the best remedies for each tree and bush.

For those of you with a vegetable plot, there is more than enough to do this month, not least of which is the control of weeds. Your hoe should be your constant companion. There are a number of comparatively safe weed killers on the market that will do the job for you, but you can't beat the good old-fashioned method of constant hoeing.

Runner beans should be put in now, 2 to 3 inches deep and about 10 inches apart. Runners need moisture in plenty and good drainage. These vegetables are worth growing because they are simply so useful. They freeze well, they make good pickles. They can be eaten hot or cold and many unusual salads are based on them.

Get your other main salad subjects planted now for succession. If you planted carrots and onions in April, thin them out, discarding weaklings as you go.

June

June is undoubtedly the month when the garden comes into its own, when the colour of flowers and the scents of summer, simply take your breath way. It is also the month when everything goes mad and grows like billy-o, when the weeds are also growing like there was no tomorrow, and when there is a need for plenty of watering.

Never mind, that's the joy of gardening, so grit your teeth, polish off the hoe, the shears and the watering can, and get to grips with the problem.

A sturdy Dutch hoe with a long handle is your best friend for weeding at this time of year. Cut the little so-and-so's off in their prime. Chop up their root systems, exterminate!

The lawn and hedges will be growing madly too. Mow at least once a week but remember, if the weather is on the dry side, no shorter than an inch, or it will dry up and shrivel away. If the weather is exceptionally dry, leave the cuttings where they fall. They are an excellent mulch. Hedges will require careful trimming if you want to preserve shape and density. Again a trim every couple of weeks is best but, if you haven't the time, you can leave them three to four, you are just putting off the evil hour for yourself, that's all. Be careful about trimming flowering hedges. Leave them until the last blooms fade.

Watering is the big problem. Conserve water in every way you can, especially used domestic water. Mulch every inch of the garden to conserve what soil moisture there is, and water only in the later evening so the water can seep well into the soil before the sun causes it to evaporate.

Greenfly are at their most active at this time of year, and they do love roses. They love most of the other shrubs in the garden too though, so check over all your bushes carefully for these little pests, they are particularly fond of tender green shoots and young buds. Spray whole plants with soapy

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water, this usually deters the little creatures.

Now is a good time to make sure you have sufficient room for any bedding plants you've been bringing on elsewhere - and those bargains you see for sale in garden centres.

Make sure the chosen area is clear of weeds and debris. Dig it lightly over or deep hoe. Have a good supply of mulch ready. Water it well (late evening again). This is very important, young plants don't respond well to dry conditions if they have been growing in well ordered ones. Plant out as soon as possible, water in and mulch immediately, and you should have some pretty good results.

Carry on dead-heading and clip off any seed pods that have escaped your notice, unless you want to collect some seed. Some authorities advocate clipping off the dead heads of spent lilac and if you've a bush of any size, this can pose a problem. Don't worry you needn't clip flower heads or seed pods from lilacs and they should continue to give a wonderful show, year after year.

If you've a pond with fish, you should now be feeding them regularly. While they are up for the food, examine them closely for signs of disease. Any that don't look right should be removed to an isolation tank and expert advice sought. While you are feeding the fish, you can also look at the pond or pool in general. Does it need more plants? Are there too many water snails? Is there sufficient shade at noon? You can provide this last in many ways, and it may be essential while your water plants are still small.

July

One of the problems summer weather brings in its wake is a tendency for tall and not-so-tall plants to bolt. Just a light sprinkling of rain will do it. One minute you've a well ordered garden with border plants arranged in descending order from the back, the next, and you have an untidy wilderness of giants bending under their own weight. Have plenty of stakes to hand so you can tie them up before they fall down.

Bedding plants will greatly benefit from a feed of weak liquid manure around the middle of the month. Hardy annuals will also need attention, water, feed and a brisk hoeing will suit them. If the weather is dry you will need to water the rock garden, vegetable garden and the lawn, and you should mulch like mad all over. Leave the grass cuttings on the lawn after mowing as this also prevents rapid evaporation of moisture. Don't be taken in by lots of heavy rain, judge the dampness of the weather or otherwise by examining the soil, because in summer especially, rain can evaporate faster than it takes to soak the ground, even after a torrential downpour.

If you are growing sweet peas avoid feeding them during this month. Too rich a soil will result in generous, lush foliage, but comparatively few flowers.

You will have to clip and prune hedges and shrubs to keep them growing in the right way.

This is the peak month for cuttings. Roses especially can be propagated this way and it really is the cheapest and easiest way of increasing your stock.

Of course weeds will also be going great guns and they can become a nuisance on crazy paving and other pathways. You can use any of the proprietary herbicides if you wish, but common salt is cheaper and does just as good a job.

Should you have ventured into cucumber growing you should keep a close watch on their development. They need plenty of water or the fruit will be bitter. The plant itself also likes to be damp, so spray it all over gently each day if necessary. As soon as several fruit have set, feed generously with liquid manure or some similar artificial fertiliser.

If you are thinking of laying a new lawn, the site may be cleared and levelled this month and left to 'air' ready for planting next season. On established lawns the work of mowing and watering must go on. In addition pay particular attention to edges by trimming and securing where necessary. Edges that have fallen away may be cut back, built up again and prepared for re-turfing. Turf should normally be laid next month but the odd patch laid now and well watered in, should take and do well.

The garden in full swing in July should be a blaze of colour. Do remember however that blooms fade and die, so keep dead-heading and, while you are about it, don't forget to hoe amongst those weeds, they can be just as unsightly. >

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Landscape Gardens

Gardens have always played a large part in British domestic life and as the general level of prosperity has grown throughout Britain, gardens have taken on a more ornamental role. Gardening as a pursuit is very much part of the general leisure scene.

In even more recent times, yet another factor has affected the development of the domestic garden - the high value of residential property. As property prices have risen, so has the value of a garden. Today, gardens are as much extensions of the living accommodation as mere places to grow plants and laze on the lawn.

As with all other parts of the home therefore, the garden is seen as representing the taste and decorative skills of the householders. Landscaping the grounds therefore is now an almost automatic consideration, on a par with installing replacement windows, having a new kitchen fitted or bringing the bathroom into the realms of luxury.

Really there is nothing more attractive or comfortable to live with, than a professionally landscaped garden.

Basically there are three sorts of garden service you can call upon to bring your plot to perfection. The 'garden tamer' who will wreak havoc amongst the weeds, remove the rubbish and leave your garden like a new canvas ready for you to begin. Then there is the jobbing gardener who will maintain the status quo, dealing with plant rotation, mowing lawns, pruning, cutting hedges and removing weeds. Finally there is the full-blown, landscape gardener whose terms of reference can be as wide as the boundaries of your plot, or even wider.

Landscape gardeners are many things, they have to be, because gardening is not an exact science. First of all they must know the job inside out. Every type of plant, weed, tree and shrub, and their growing habits. Then there is the matter of soil types, disease control, and feeding, all essential if the end result of their labours is to come up to all expectations. Finally is the matter of design. That indefinable quality of flair should never be absent and neither should an original and healthy imagination.

Essentially the work of a landscape gardener is a creative pursuit. Frequently will it be necessary to make something out of nothing, to turn the ugly into the beautiful, and to make the whole an entirely practical proposition for the householder who has to live with it.

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If you have a garden that does no justice to your home, think about having it professionally landscaped. As with all other contract work, it pays to approach more than one operator. Talk over your plans, talk about cost, but choose the one whose ideas concur most with yours.

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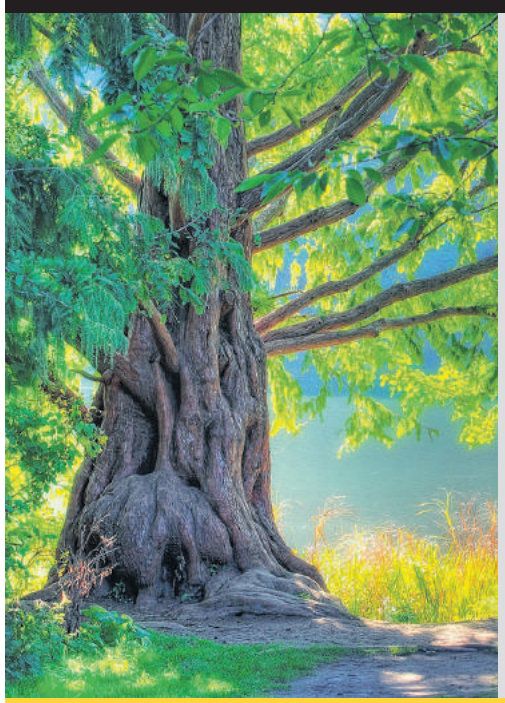
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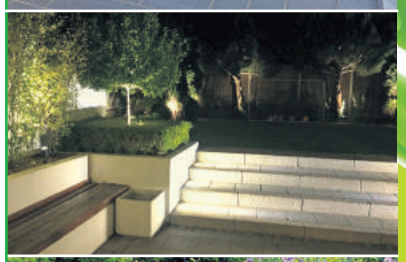

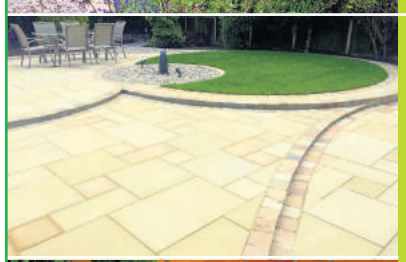

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Top dress it with a spring lawn fertilizer mixed with sharp sand and fine compost. Tamp it down and sprinkle seed. Discourage birds by criss-crossing over the area with twine tied to posts set at intervals around twelve inches off the ground, and attach strips of foil, polythene or anything else you think may startle the birds. Dogs too should be discouraged at this stage.

Alternatively, you can cut out the affected areas and replace with turf. Again when the top, dead grass has been removed, rake the area to be treated. Cut the turf to fit the patch making it very slightly larger all round. Add a thin layer of sharp sand and lay the turf, rolling it firmly down, and water well.

You may see worm casts begin to appear on the lawn in the morning. Don't worry, just brush them into the grass with a stiff broom.

Do be realistic about your lawn. Cutting it to bowling green length, half to three-quarters-of-an-inch, will stress it if the traffic over it is too heavy; the grass is the wrong type for such a short length; or the rain is in short supply. Up to 2 inches is best for a normally used grassy area. >

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The second consideration is, what space is available for the vegetables? If your space is very limited then rather than growing the good old main crops such as potatoes, carrots, onions, and the larger members of the cabbage family, your best bet is to try your hand at producing some of the less common vegetables that are difficult, expensive or even impossible to buy commercially. One example that comes to mind is rape - that yellow flowering crop that is grown in vast fields all over the UK and if you care to try it, both leaves and pods make a flavoursome alternative to rocket or lettuce.

There are other examples such as members of the onion family that almost never appear in the shops, but can be grown quite happily at home and will all add that something different to your diet. Garlic is another member of the onion family that provides very valuable flavour and variety to meals both hot and cold.

Tomatoes can be sown in trays or pots and placed on the window-sill or under glass in a sunny position. They should not be planted outside however until the weather steadies, at which point you can plant in the ground or in pots sunk into the soil in a warm, sunny and sheltered spot.

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You want to arouse the senses of your guests and have them licking their lips in anticipation from the moment they arrive, so it's always a good idea to light the barbecue half an hour or so beforehand.

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Occupational therapy specialist makes return visit to Breathe Easy group

SPECIALIST occupational therapist Sally Shorrock was guest speaker at the latest meeting of the West Lancashire and Southport Breathe Easy group.

This was a return visit by Sally, who works with both cardio and pulmonary rehabilitation teams, helping patients with cardiac and respiratory problems to be assessed and treated, in order to develop, recover or maintain their daily living and work skills.

Her detailed presentation was delivered under four main headings - occupational therapy explained; the role of OT within the pulmonary rehabilitation team; types of intervention, for instance with breathlessness, including equipment provision; and stress management.

All the topics were presented in depth and Sally encouraged members to share ideas and tips which help and to 'think outside of the box'.

Interesting

Patricia Ireland from West Lancashire and Southport Breathe Easy group, said: "This was a highly interesting and useful session and we are very grateful to Sally for speaking to us again."

The group meet on the third Monday of each month, at the Green Lane Girl Guide HQ in Ormskirk, next door to the rugby club. Ample, free parking is available.

Next meeting will be on Monday, June 19 when Pat Fairclough, a specialist respiratory nurse, based at Southport Hospital, will be the guest speaker.

Free tea, coffee and biscuits will be available from 11am with the presentation starting at about 11.30am.

All members, friends and visitors will be made welcome and the full range of the British Lung Foundation publications will be available for anyone to take home, free of charge.

Sally Shorrock pictured during her visit to the Breathe Easy group

Ambulance staff recognised

AMBULANCE staff from across the North West have been recognised at the annual Star Awards, which recognise outstanding achievement.

Hundreds of paramedics, care assistants, dispatchers and health advisors from the North West Ambulance Service (NWAS) came together for the awards ceremony, hosted by Granada TV's Paul Crone with entertainment provided by comedian, Jason Manford.

Chief executive at NWAS, Derek Cartwright, said: "I am so proud of our amazing staff and although they are all fantastic, these awards give us the chance to say thank-you to those who really have gone above and beyond their call of duty and gone the extra mile to help their patients.

"It was a fantastic evening of achievement and although we wish that we could invite everyone, it's a great chance for us to give something back to our fabulous staff who work so hard every single day to help others."

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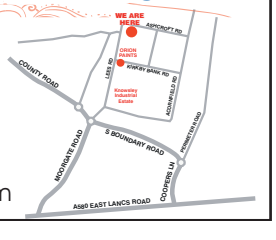

Pop star backs campaign to warn of dangers of temporary tattoos

POP star Natasha Hamilton is backing a campaign warning of the dangers of so-called 'black henna' temporary tattoos (BHTTs) after her son suffered a reaction to one earlier this year.

The Atomic Kitten singer is supporting the British Skin Foundation's #AvoidBlackHenna appeal as summer approaches.

After a holiday in Morocco, Natasha's six-year-old son, Alfie was left with a scar on his leg where a BHTT had been.

Natasha said: "There needs to be a greater awareness of the potential permanent dangers posed by Black Henna tattoos.

"Sharing my photograph of Alfie's scarred leg will hopefully highlight these dangers and will act as a warning to parents who might not know the risks attached to these so-called temporary 'black henna' tattoos.

"Having witnessed first-hand Alfie's terrible reaction to Black Henna, it's just not worth the risk of permanent damage and letting your children have one done at home or abroad."

Alfie's scar

The majority of BHTTs are not based on henna at all, but a substance called para-phenylenediamine (PPD) found in hair dyes. PPD is used in hair dye, but its use for skin contact products, such as temporary tattoos, is illegal in the EU.

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Top stylist hosts seminar at college

WEST Lancashire College has hosted a professional hairdressing seminar featuring renowned stylist, James Earnshaw.

The event was attended by hairdressers, industry professionals and styling enthusiasts to witness a collection of James' unique styles and creations.

James, who is creative director at The Francesco Group Academy, a Cloud 9 Style ambassador and British Hairdressing Awards Finalist, also gave an inspirational talk to students across the college's hairdressing, beauty and make-up courses.

He discussed how to 'make it' in the hairdressing industry, as well as giving the students some invaluable advice.

James said: "It's important for anyone starting out in hairdressing to keep learning and stay creative - have fun with your styling and come up with new ideas."

The college's Francesco salon manager, Leigh Cutter, said: "I'm delighted that James Earnshaw and the Francesco team came to visit West Lancashire College, it really makes our Francesco salon feel part of a huge division in the hairdressing sector.

"His masterclass was incredible and really informative. James was clear and precise with his instructions and I learned many tricks of the trade and up-and-coming styles from it."

Four models travelled up from London and all around the UK especially for the seminar where they were prepped by creative director James for the evening's main event.

James joined the large audience at the college's Hope Theatre eager to see his creations and styles such as hanger curls, hair ups, pastel colours and tight curls.

James added: "West Lancashire College has amazing facilities and the staff and the salons are industry-standard. If you're wanting to start a career then this is as close to the professional industry as you could possibly get."

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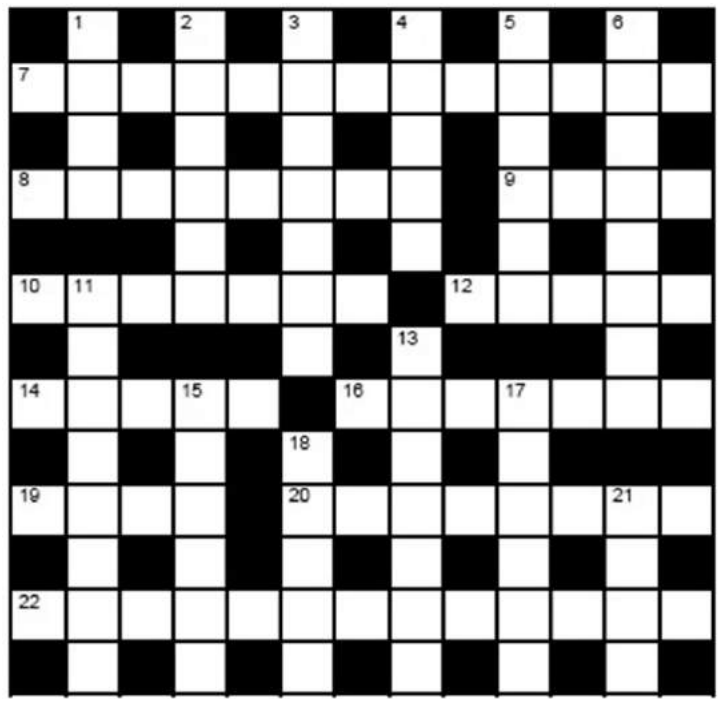

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Across: 7. Leeway. 8. Au lait. 9. Foam. 10. Trousers. 11. Eyesore. 13. Nasal. 15. Shelf. 17. Bicycle. 20 Bless you. 21 Acre. 22. Detail. 23 Eeerily.

Down: 1. Memory. 2. Swim. 3. Mystery. 4. Rayon. 5. Glossary. 6. Sierra. 12. Salesman. 14. Rivulet. 16. Helper. 18. Lonely. 19. Cycle. 21. Acre.

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7. Attitude or belief formed beforehand (13)
8. Something or someone easily understood (4,4)
9. Violent disturbance, uproar (4)
10. Eighth sign of the Zodiac (7)
12. Assembled company of people or animals (5)
14. Organic compound made by replacing the hydrogen of an acid by an alkyl or other organic group (5)
16. The parts left over after the others have been removed or destroyed (7)
19. Alliance of countries or political parties with common interests (4)
20. Place where legal matters are decided by a judge and jury or magistrates (3, 5)
22. Unable to hear very well (4, 2, 7)

DOWN

1. Let or make (something) fall vertically (4)
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3. Northern European country whose capital is Tallinn (7)
4. Quick look or glance (5)
5. Person who lends money at unreasonably high rates of interest (6)
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Competing again teams from 16 other districts in the county, the Rufford squad, made up of Year 4,5 and 6 pupils, went on to take the Level 3 Lancashire School Games Small Schools KS2 Sportshall Athletics title.

PE and school sport co-ordinator for Rufford CE Primary, Sam Coogan, said: "Our team took part in a range of track and field events, including sprinting, obstacle relay, long jump, soft javelin and speed bounce. All of us at the school are incredibly proud of the achievements of the team."

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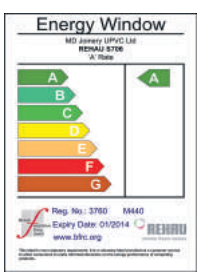

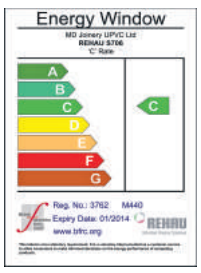

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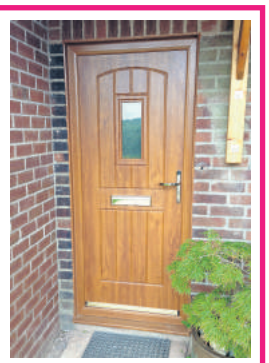

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Lee Memphis King as Elvis

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Lee Memphis King is the producer and director of the tribute production to one of the greatest entertainers of the last century, Elvis Presley.

Over the last 10 years, as Lee has toured his One Night of Elvis, he has picked up numerous accolades and has headlined and sold out some of the most prestigious venues across the UK and beyond. In August 2016 he completed a sell-out concert tour of Israel, performing to more than 8,000 fans.

In this latest production, Lee Memphis King portrays Elvis Presley at his peak celebrating the iconic 'Vegas Years' from 1969 - 1977. Resplendent in the most authentic costumes from Elvis's performance, and with an orchestra backing this performer, prepare to be taken back in time to see Elvis in the way it was.

This new production is dedicated entirely to the 'Vegas Years' when Elvis would perform in Las Vegas and tour throughout the US and Canada - the definitive record of these performances are contained in the films Elvis-That's the Way It Is, Elvis On Tour and the Aloha from Hawaii concert. The show is enhanced by an orchestra of world class musicians and backing vocalists, coupled with video screen projection mapping out Elvis's life and music.

Lee Memphis King aims to recreate it all with authenticity - the voice and, equally important for Lee, the passion and energy that Elvis put into his songs.

For tickets call 0844 871 3021 or visit www.atgtickets.com/southport.

Company presenting very different plays about women

THE award-winning Hand in Hand Theatre returns to the Concert Room at St George's Hall Liverpool this July to present a double-bill of two very different plays about women.

The Wirral theatre company returns to the Hall with another thought-provoking production The Woman's Voice on Sunday, July 16.

First up is Ladies in Bonnets, a timely celebration of the heroines of Jane Austen in the 200th anniversary year of her death.

In contrast, Baggage is a new one-act play written by Bev Clark which deals with the issues of homelessness and friendship.

Adam Abbou as Billy Elliot. Photo by Alastair Muir

Musical provides a 'gripping night'

Review by **Henry James**

BILLY Elliot, which is included in the top 20 longest-running West End musicals, has opened at the Liverpool Empire and will play until Saturday, May 27.

The musical, adapted from the hit film of the same name starring Julie Walters, includes two stories which are Billy's bid to become a ballet dancer and the miner's strike of the 1980s.

This show has been on the road now for some time and what hits you immediately are the high production values of the musical. This show is presented just as it would have been in the West End.

Billy's story is cleverly told and is interlinked with the strikes. This is best shown in the number Solidarity, which manages to connect ballet lessons with the confrontation of the miners and the police. Billy's tale is again linked into the miner's strike in the scene called Angry Dance at the end of the first half.

The young cast of the musical are exceptional. Billy was played by Adam Abbou on the night I went to see the show. This youngster is very talented and many of his dance sequences were met with standing ovations from members of the audience.

Adam's skills are shown to best effect in the scene called Swan Lake and when he sings Electricity. In Swan Lake, Billy dreams of being a grown-up dancer and here he is winched high above the stage. He also shows his energy while performing Electricity.

The performance of Billy's friend Michael (Bradley Mayfield) stands out as well. He provides the lighter moments to the show. One of the cleverest numbers of the production is called Expressing Yourself, which is performed by Billy and Michael.

Billy's dad (Martin Walsh) blocks his son's ballet aspirations at first and does not accept the advice given by Mrs Wilkinson (Anna-Jane Casey). However after seeing him dance during Swan Lake he changes his mind. Martin's highlight, I thought, is when he takes his son to the Royal Ballet school.

Mrs Wilkinson provides support to Billy while his family, and his brother Tony (Scott Garnham) initially do not.

It is worth pointing out the amount of bad language in this show, but it has been argued it is in context.

Billy Elliot provides a gripping night at the theatre 8/10.

Flashdance returning to Liverpool theatre

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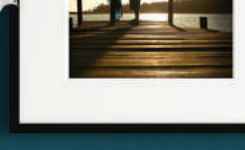

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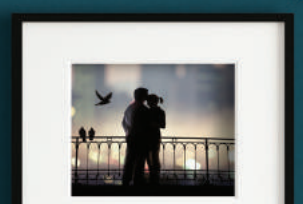

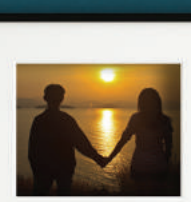

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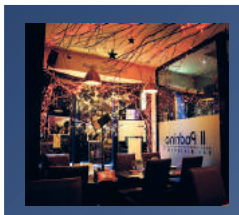

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Announcements

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

DR SYLVIA DILLON

Jo, Chris, Becca and Adam would like to thank all those who attended the funeral service and celebration of the life their mum, Dr. Sylvia Dillon, on 9 May. Thank you for your support, for sharing your memories of Sylvia and for all the generous donations in her memory for The Woodland Trust and Alzheimer's Society.

The family would also like to thank Andrew Housley for conducting a lovely service; and Sally and the team at MLS Funeral Directors for all their help and care at this difficult time.

BIRTHDAY MEMORIAMS

DORAN SHEILA
19th May
1941-2010

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19th May

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

DONALD CAMERON

Barbara, Donny and Charles would like to thank all family, friends and neighbours for their kind messages of sympathy, cards, flowers and donations received in memory of Don for the North West Air Ambulance Charity. A special thank you to Doctor Chris McManus of Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust and the palliative care nurses for their kindness and support and to Margaret and Linda of Skelmersdale Funeral Service for their dignified funeral arrangements.

DEATHS

CHRISTIE MARIE

Died on the 3rd May 2017 aged 84 years. Peacefully at Castle Hill Hospital in Cottingham.

(Lately of Ormskirk)

Loving Wife of John Christie (Jack), Sadly missed by all family. Funeral service at Haltemprice Crematorium, HU10 6BP on Thursday 18th May 2017 at 1:30 pm. Family flowers only please.
All enquiries to Kemp Funeral Directors, Hallgate, Cottingham 01482 844695

GRIFFIN KATHLEEN
10th May 2017
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formerly of Ormskirk

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DEATHS

BAMFORD BETTY ROSE
3rd May 2017
Aged 79 years

Suddenly at home. Devoted Wife to Brian. Much loved Mum of Jane, Peter, Gary and Lester. Cherished Grandmother and Great-Grandmother to all of her Grandchildren. Betty will be greatly missed by all her family and friends. Funeral Service at Southport Crematorium on Thursday 18th May at 2.40pm. Flowers welcome. Enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 1-5 Roe Lane, Southport PR9 9DR. Telephone: 01704 500086.

PARKER BRIAN
10th May 2017
Aged 85 years
Died peacefully

Brian will be greatly missed by all his family and friends. Service at St Francis of Assisi Parish Church, Kew on Friday 19th May at 1:15pm followed by committal at Southport Crematorium. Family flowers only please but if desired donations are being gratefully received for St Francis of Assisi Parish Church. Donations and enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 1-5 Roe Lane, Southport, PR9 9DR. Telephone: 01704 500086.

JACKSON BRENDA
Passed away peacefully at Silver Birch Lodge on 14th May 2017 aged 89 years of Aughton and Ormskirk

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DEATHS

HAYNES GARRY
8th May 2017

In loving memory of my partner Garry Haynes.

Forever yours, forever mine, forever ours.

Until we meet again.
Love Georgina
x x
To our Daddy

Thank you for your words of wisdom and guiding us down the right path.

Love you Daddy!
Your babies
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HAYNES GARRY
8th May 2017

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Your broken hearted
Sisters & Brother
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8th May 2017

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DEATHS

PATTERSON VIVIENNE
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SPENCER DAVID JOHN (Davey)
On 7th May 2017
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Dave will be sadly missed by all his family and friends.
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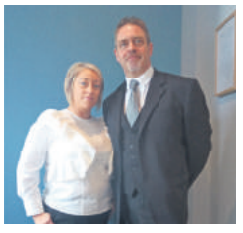

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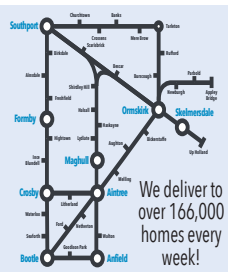

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(BESCAR LANE (LC), SCARISBRICK, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2017

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council intend to make an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle or cycle to proceed over that length of Bescar Lane, Scarisbrick from 20 metres either side of the level crossing.

2. The prohibition will be operative from 2300 hours on Tuesday 30th May 2017 until 0800 hours on Wednesday 31st May 2017 or until completion of the works within this period.

3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- No diversion route is available.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow level crossing maintenance works to be carried out.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager
Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701

[Ref: HRiT/6822/WH]

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(BLACK MOSS LANE, SCARISBRICK, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER YEAR 2017

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council intend to make an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of Black Moss Lane, Scarisbrick from a point outside a property called Ivy House Farm to a point 30 metres past a property called Glenridding.

2. The prohibition will be operative from 0830 hours on Monday 29th May 2017 until 1700 hours on Friday 9th June 2017 or until completion of the works within this period.

3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- Black Moss Lane - Southport Road - Jacksmere Lane - Blackmoss Lane and vice versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow utilities works to be carried out.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager
Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701

[Ref: HRiT/7318/WH]

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(HILLCREST DRIVE, TARLETON, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2017

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council intend to make an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of Hillcrest Drive, Tarleton from Hesketh Lane to Merlecrest Drive.

2. The prohibition will be operative from 0600 hours on Tuesday 30th May 2017 until 1800 hours on Friday 16th June 2017 or until completion of the works within this period.

3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- No diversion route available as this is a cul-de-sac.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow carriageway resurfacing works to be carried out.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager
Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701

[Ref: HRiT/7506/WH]

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West Lancashire Borough Council
Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Act 1990 Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 - Article 15

APPLICATION(S) FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

Application No: 2017/0350/FUL Phase 2 extension to the existing CAST facility. Creation of 1 No. additional large fishing lake. Creation of a 31 space hard surfaced car park. A 16 x 30m indoor complex needs angling building. A timber clad 7.5m x 10m community angling club house. Timber Storage Shed (located in phase 1), 2 No. log cabins to form respite holiday accommodation. Informal landscaped areas. Gardens/picnic/ animal area (sensory area) at Red Apple Nursery, Cobbs Brow Lane, Newburgh.
This does not (or may not) accord with the development plan.
Application No: 2017/0370/FUL Demolition of disused public house. Development of site to provide 10 No semi-detached houses at Halton Castle Inn, Crosshall Brow, Westhead.
Application No: 2017/0404/FUL Demolition of existing building and replacement with new nursery building at First Class Nursery, Toll Bar Cottage, High Lane, Ormskirk.
This does not (or may not) accord with the development
Application No: 2017/0410/FUL Variation of Condition No. 2 imposed on planning permission 2014/1257/FUL to vary the approved plans to allow extension to house type B (Plot 7) to create a 5th bedroom over the garage; alter/extend house type C (Plot 5) to create a 5th bedroom over the garage and replace original house type A with house type C; to make alterations and new front balcony to house type A (Plot 9); and to alter/extend house type C to create extra bedroom at Land At Aughton Chase, Springfield Road, Aughton.
Application No: 2017/0427/FUL New residential development for 50 dwellings (mix of houses and apartments) including access road, landscaping and 200% car parking at 188 Southport Road, Scarisbrick.
This does not (or may not) accord with the development plan.
Application No: 2017/0439/FUL Erection of pump house to existing sub-station base at Site Of Former Wellfield, Vicarage Lane, Westhead.
This does not (or may not) accord with the development plan.
Application No: 2017/0448/COU Retrospective planning application to change of use from glasshouse (agricultural) to retail garden centre at Firtree Nurseries, Holmeswood Road, Rufford.
This does not (or may not) accord with the development plan.

APPLICATION(S) AFFECTING A CONSERVATION AREA / LISTED BUILDING

Application No: 2017/0309/FUL Hard and soft landscape restoration improvements to the parkland, gardens and curtilage to Harrock Hall; including driveway access re-alignment alterations and ground modelling and strategic planting at Harrock Hall, Harrock Lane, Wrightington.
The proposed development affects a right of way to which Part III of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 applies.
Application No: 2017/0388/FUL Single storey rear extension, including roof lights and porch/canopy. Raised existing flat roof at the rear. Alterations within the property. Part garage conversion and replacement windows to the side and rear of dwelling at The Poplars, Hall Lane, Lathom.
Application No: 2017/0400/FUL Demolition of existing garage and construction of two storey side extension and front porch at 90 Liverpool Road, Rufford.
Application No: 2017/0401/FUL Proposed single storey front extension following the taking down of the existing porch at Copley, Croasdale Drive, Parbold.
Application No: 2017/0419/FUL Erection of two storey /single storey rear extension at 11 Church Road, Rufford.
Application No: 2017/0453/FUL Proposed detached garage following demolition of timber sheds at Pear Tree Cottage, Flash Lane, Rufford.
The applications are available for viewing on the Council's website www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning. Alternatively, the application can be viewed during normal office hours at 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk and at 1st Floor, The Concourse, Skelmersdale. If you wish to comment on the proposal you can do so via the Council's web site, by e.mail to plan.apps@westlancs.gov.uk or in writing to Development and Regeneration Services, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, but these must be received within 21 days of the date of this notice quoting the application no. Any comments made will be available for public inspection.
Applications for Minor Commercial and Householder Development
In the event that an appeal is made against a decision of the Council to refuse to grant planning permission for the proposed development, and that appeal then proceeds by way of the expedited procedure under the written representations procedure, any representations made to the Council about an application will be passed to the Secretary of State and there will be no opportunity to make further representations.

John R Harrison DipEnvP., MRTPI — Dated: 17th May 2017
Director of Development and Regeneration — PDNOT948

PUBLIC NOTICES

LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(CHURCH ROAD, BICKERSTAFFE, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2017

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council intend to make an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of Church Road, Bickerstaffe from Hall Lane to Liverpool Road.

2. The prohibition will be operative from 0730 hours on 30/05/2017 until 1730 hours on 19/06/2017 or until completion of the works within this period.

3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- Liverpool Road - Ormskirk Road - Rainford Road - Lodge Lane and vice versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow Utilities works to be carried out.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager
Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701

[Ref: HRiT/7700/WH]

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(CRABTREE LANE, BURSCOUGH, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2017

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council intend to make an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of Crabtree Lane, Burscough from Higgins Lane to Orrell Lane.

2. The prohibition will be operative from 0600 hours on Monday 5th June 2017 until 1800 hours on Friday 23rd June 2017 or until completion of the works within this period.

3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- Orrell Lane - Liverpool Road North - Higgins Lane and vice versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow Carriageway resurfacing works to be carried out.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager
Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701

[Ref: HRiT/7544/WH]

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(FLAX LANE, BURSCOUGH, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2017

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council intend to make an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle or cycle to proceed over that length of Flax Lane, Burscough from Brooklands Grove to Blythe Lane.

2. The prohibition will be operative from 0600 hours on Monday 5th June 2017 until 1800 hours on Friday 23rd June 2017 or until completion of the works within this period.

3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- Briars Lane - Hall Lane - Hobcross Lane

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow Carriageway resurfacing works to be carried out.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager
Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701

[Ref: HRiT/7576/WH]

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(SUTCH LANE, LATHOM, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2017

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council intend to make an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle, cycle or pedestrian to proceed over that length of Sutch Lane, Lathom from a point 20 metres either side of the level crossing.

2. The prohibition will be operative from 2300 hours on Thursday 1st June until 0800 hours on Friday 2nd June 2017 or until completion of the works within this period.

3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- No Diversion route available

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow Level Crossing works to be carried out.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager
Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701

[Ref: HRiT/7348/WH]

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(WYKE ROAD, SCARISBRICK, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2017

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council intend to make an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle or cycle to proceed over that length of Wyke Road from 20 metres either side of the level crossing.

2. The prohibition will be operative from 2300 hours on Wednesday 31st May 2017 until 0800 hours on Thursday 1st June 2017 or until completion of the works within this period.

3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- Wyke Road - Pool Hey Lane - A570 Southport Road - Snape Green - Wyke Road and vice versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow level crossing surface renewal works to be carried out.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager
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[Ref: HRiT/6823/WH]

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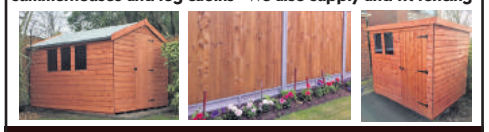

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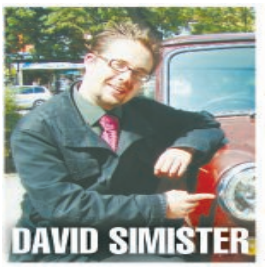

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ANYONE who grew up watching *Space 1999* needn't feel disappointed. We might not be living on the Moon and eating everything in pill form, but the world today's a lot more advanced than it used to be.

You can tap your finger against a handheld electronic screen and a van carrying your shopping rocks up a couple of hours later – and chances are that's only because the supermarket isn't allowed to deliver it by drone yet. We have trains that go under the sea and stealth fighter planes that fly above it. It beats driving home in your Morris Oxford and watching *Terry and June* over a bowl of Angel Delight, that's for sure.

Just about every conceivable piece of technology has come along in leaps and bounds – with the exception of two things. You might not have noticed that the fastest transatlantic flights of today are a lot slower than Concorde could manage, but you'll almost certainly have noticed that phones can barely manage a day before running out of breath. If you're reading this on your smartphone via Champnews.com it might not even make it to the end of this article.

But an Israeli company that reckons it might have cracked the problem of rubbish smartphone batteries might have inadvertently created a genuine motoring game-changer. The smart money is that as of next year you'll be able to use its tech to charge your phone up in a few minutes – and because electric cars run on the same sort of batteries it figures that it should work equally well on those too. Perhaps not unsurprisingly half the car industry's keeping a very close eye on how StoreDot's boffins are getting on.

Don't expect it to revolutionise the roads overnight. It's worth remembering that while nearly 100,000 plug-in cars were sold across the UK in 2016 that's still nowhere near the number of Golfs or Focuses you all buy. It'll also make sense that the most expensive offerings will be fitted with quick-charging tech first, so it'll be a while before it filters down to the Nissans and Mitsubishis that dominate the 'leccy car market.

But once it does break through to the mainstream the issue of battery anxiety – and the main reason you wouldn't buy an electric car – will disappear. The cars themselves are absolutely fine, but no longer will you have to worry about an eight-hour wait if you start running low in deepest Snowdonia. You'll be able to pull into a filling station and be on your way a couple of minutes later.

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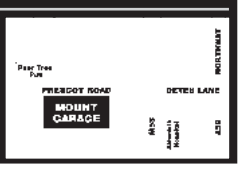

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Brogan bids to land English lightweight title

SKELMERSDALE boxer Steve 'Serious' Brogan has landed his first title bout – after just 12 fights as a pro.

The 33-year-old will face Lee Appleyard for the vacant English lightweight crown on Saturday, July 1 at the Doncaster Dome.

Although 29-year-old Appleyard is likely to start favourite, boxing just 10 miles down the road from his home patch in Rotherham, Brogan is confident of putting up a strong challenge.

The Yorkshireman has a slight advantage in experience over the Skem lad, with 10 wins – including three inside the distance – from 13 bouts; as opposed to Brogan's 10 wins and two draws from 12 bouts.

Appleyard has also tasted championship action before. His last contest was an unsuccessful bid for the vacant Commonwealth

Steve Brogan

lightweight title against Sean Dodd at the Echo Arena in April where he was on the wrong end of a unanimous points verdict.

Brogan, meanwhile, is still unbeaten as a pro and put his two stalemates with Welshman Henry Janes down to a clash of styles.

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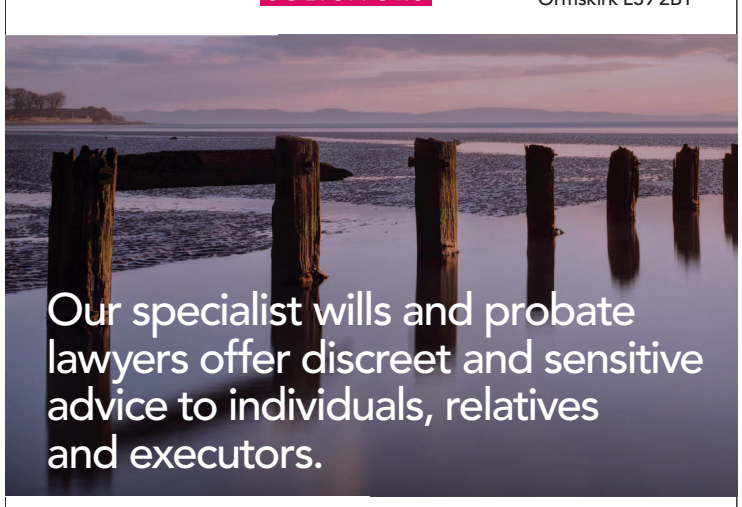

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Ormskirk go second in table after thrilling 7 run win over Lytham

ORMSKIRK moved up to second place in the Liverpool Competition Premier Division table with a narrow 7 run home win over Lytham on Saturday.

The hosts declared on 222-6 with Josh Bohannon (45), Michael Jones (42), George Lavelle (36) and Andy Baybutt (30) all making vital runs, whilst Dan Edwards took 4-44 with the ball.

In reply Michael Guptill-Bunce (62) led the way for the visitors but they fell just short on 215, with Scott Lees 4-52 and Simon Kerrigan 3-59 starring with the ball.

Bootle moved up to fourth place with a 47 run home win against struggling Formby.

The hosts recovered from 12-3 to post a respectable 190-9 dec, thanks in the main to a fighting half century from Jackson Knight (67) and some rearguard resistance from Neil Williams (44) and Chris Liptrot (18), whilst the pick of the bowlers were Ben Aitchison 3-25 and Mark O'Connor 3-54.

In reply the visitors slipped to 91-9 thanks to 5-48 by Chris Stenhouse, before an admiral last wicket stand of 52 between O'Connor 25* and Gary Keedy (22) was ended by skipper Craig Prince and the visitors were dismissed for 143.

Northern suffered an eight wicket defeat at Colwyn Bay, the hosts were dismissed for 161 with Tom Jones (50) and John Thompson (43) scoring the bulk of the runs as Ryan Holtby 4-29 took charge with the ball.

In reply Patrick Leach hit an unbeaten 74* and Jordan Evans (46) as the hosts cruised to victory on 162-2.

Southport & Birkdale were beaten by six wickets at Leigh, Tearan Gleeson (50) and Adam Phillips (48) helped give S&B post a total of 181, with Adam Shallcross 4-52 and Matty McKiernan 3-61 taking the bulk of the wickets.

In reply the early loss of both openers didn't hamper the home side too much, as an unbeaten 72* from McKiernan, 38 from Shallcross and 36 from Lewis Bailey led the hosts to victory on 184-4.

Ainsdale sit bottom of the table after a seven wicket defeat at New Brighton, Joe Lowe (27) top scored for the visitors who were bowled out for 114, with Mark Hale taking 5-38.

In reply, an unbeaten 55* from Andrew Clarke and 31 from skipper Mark Rowland led the hosts to a comfortable victory on 116-3.

Burscough's lower order battle hard after disastrous start but total was just not enough

BURSCOUGH lost by four wickets at home to Fleetwood Hesketh in the First Division.

A fine spell of bowling from Steve Gregory 12.1-6-13-4 helped dismiss the hosts for 121, with lower order batsmen Rob Glaysher (35), Chris Andrews (21) and Dan Unsworth (17) adding some respectability to a scorecard that had read 23-5 at one stage.

In reply the visitors also found it tough early on as they slipped to 65-5 but Neil Rimmer (36), skipper Tommy Wareing (7*) and Gregory (22*) eventually helped Fleetwood to victory on 125-6, despite Andrews claiming 3-33.

Skelmersdale were dismissed for 109 in a six wicket defeat by Newton-le-Willows.

Opener Saurabh Ambre scored 29 but Martyn Brierley was the only batter to pass 20.

Muhammad Asif Iqbal scored an unbeaten 38 to take Newton-le-Willows to victory.

Hightown St Mary's were beaten by 91 runs at home against Rainford, Anthony Reid was run out for 99 and Paul Farrar made 55 as the visitors declared on 221-5. In reply, 42 from Kris Jones was the only highlight of the batting card, as Andy Davies claimed 5-55 helped dismiss the hosts for 130.

Magnificent Molloy bags all ten wickets for Maghull

ANTHONY Molloy became the first player in Maghull's history to bag all ten wickets to help his side claim their first win of the season at home to Liverpool Competition new boys Prescot and Odyssey on Saturday.

Batting first, Maghull lost both openers early on driving to the covers, before Lancashire Under 17 all rounder Cameron Lawrenson, restored to the 1st XI, batted beautifully for 65.

In partnership with Joe Campbell (21), he added 76 for the third wicket before being caught on the square leg boundary.

The middle order then collapsed spectacularly as three batsmen ran themselves out in comical circumstances that would have embarrassed schoolboy cricketers.

From 116-2, Maghull capitulated to 151-9 before a crucial 53-run partnership between last pair McKenna (18) and Bennett (36 not out) eased Maghull to the relative safety of 204.

Prescot & Odyssey started well in reply with the hard-hitting Crookes harsh on any bad bowling he received.

Bowling from the Canal End, Anthony Molloy then picked up 4 wickets in his first spell to reduce the visitors to 58-4 before a partnership of 63 returned the momentum to the batting side, with the ever dangerous Crookes advancing to 90.

Molloy then returned at the Hall Lane end picked up two more quick wickets as Prescot & Odyssey slumped to 129 -6 but with Crookes still at the crease.

Crookes then added 43 with the support of Ben Smith, before reaching his century with a huge 6. When he was out caught by McKenna for a magnificent 125 off 105 balls with 14 fours and 7 sixes, his side needed just 34 runs with 16 overs remaining and Molloy taking all 7 wickets.

The visitors nervously nudged their way towards their target of 205, still with overs to spare and the match on a knife-edge.

But Molloy was to deliver the decisive blow in what was to be the last over of the game.

He enticed Smith to edge to McKenna for his third catch of the innings on the first ball, before cleaning up Mason next ball with a well directed yorker.

The number 11 batsman Fairclough played and missed at his first ball, before edging to Campbell at second slip for his third catch off the innings.

Maghull had won by 13 runs but more remarkably, Anthony Molloy had taken all 10 wickets for just 40 runs.

This is probably the rarest of personal achievements in cricket and he is believed to be the first Maghull player ever to achieve the feat in the club's 91-year history, breaking the record of Jimmy Swarbrick, who took 9 wickets in an innings for the club.

This is the first time a non-overseas professional has achieved this in the Liverpool Competition, since Bootle's Dick Carr in 1991.

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